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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the intersection of Pilar and Mound, proceed east approximately 280 feet to include block 17 lots 1 and 2. Then proceed north one block to Main Street, then slightly east to Walker Alley. Proceed the length of one city lot (block 6, lots 6-7), then proceed west to Mound Street. Continue north on Mound, taking in block 7 lots 14 and 15. Turn west and proceed one half block to the rear of lots 7 and turn northward to traverse lot 4 to Church Street. Proceed north on Church to approximately 100 feet south of Arnold Street (at the southern boundary of block 3, lot 5). Turn left and proceed west, following the southern boundaries of block 3 lots 5, 5B, 5A and 4 (these are excluded from the district). At the intersection of Fredonia Street, turn right, and proceed 150 feet north to the southern boundary of block 2 lot 26A. Proceed west along this lot line to reach the north-south alley to the east of block 2 lot 2. At the northeast corner of this lot, turn west and proceed to North Street. Continue south down North Street to Hospital Street. Turn west, and proceed down this street, crossing Pearl Street, to reach Banita Creek. The district extends across the creek bed westward to Old Tyler Road. At this street, travel north for approximately one-quarter mile. Turn west toward the railroad tracks, and proceed south along these to the intersection of Old Tyler and Pilar. Travel east along Pilar, taking in properties along both sides of the street. Cross South Street, and continue along Pilar to Pecan Street. Turn and proceed south along Pecan to the Pecan Street Bridge across Banita Creek. Follow the creek approximately one block to include the bridge at Fredonia Street. Upon reaching Fredonia Street, turn north and travel to Pilar Street. At the intersection of Fredonia and Pilar, turn east and proceed to the intersection of Pilar and Mound, including only properties on the north side of Pilar. This boundary encompasses blocks 8-16, 23-25 portions of blocks 2,3,6, 7, and 17.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the district are based on those determined by the consultant and staff of the Texas Historical Commission in April 2006. These boundaries have been modified to include the largest number of properties dating from the period of significance, and the portions of the downtown district that retain the highest degree of integrity with the fewest vacant lots and intrusions. Boundaries have also been drawn to exclude properties along the northern edge of this district that are included in the Washington Square Historic District (on Arnold Street between Church and Fredonia Streets). The railroad tracks off of Old Tyler Road on the western edge of the district provide a logical division between commercial core and the industrial areas and residential areas to the west of the tracks. The south-western edge of the district is marked by Banita Creek, which provides a visual boundary between the commercial and non-commercial development, and the south-eastern edge is marked by Pilar Street, as the boundary between historic and non-historic commercial development. The eastern boundary is drawn at Walker Alley. This small street, positioned at the top of a small hill, physically divides the highly concentrated commercial sector from a less dense and newer commercial area. The northern edge of the district is marked by generally by the development to the south of Hospital Street, with the exception of a few mid-twentieth century properties that are north of Hospital and south of Arnold (the boundary for the Washington Square Historic District). The properties and types of development within these boundaries have retained their character since their earliest construction in the late 1880s.

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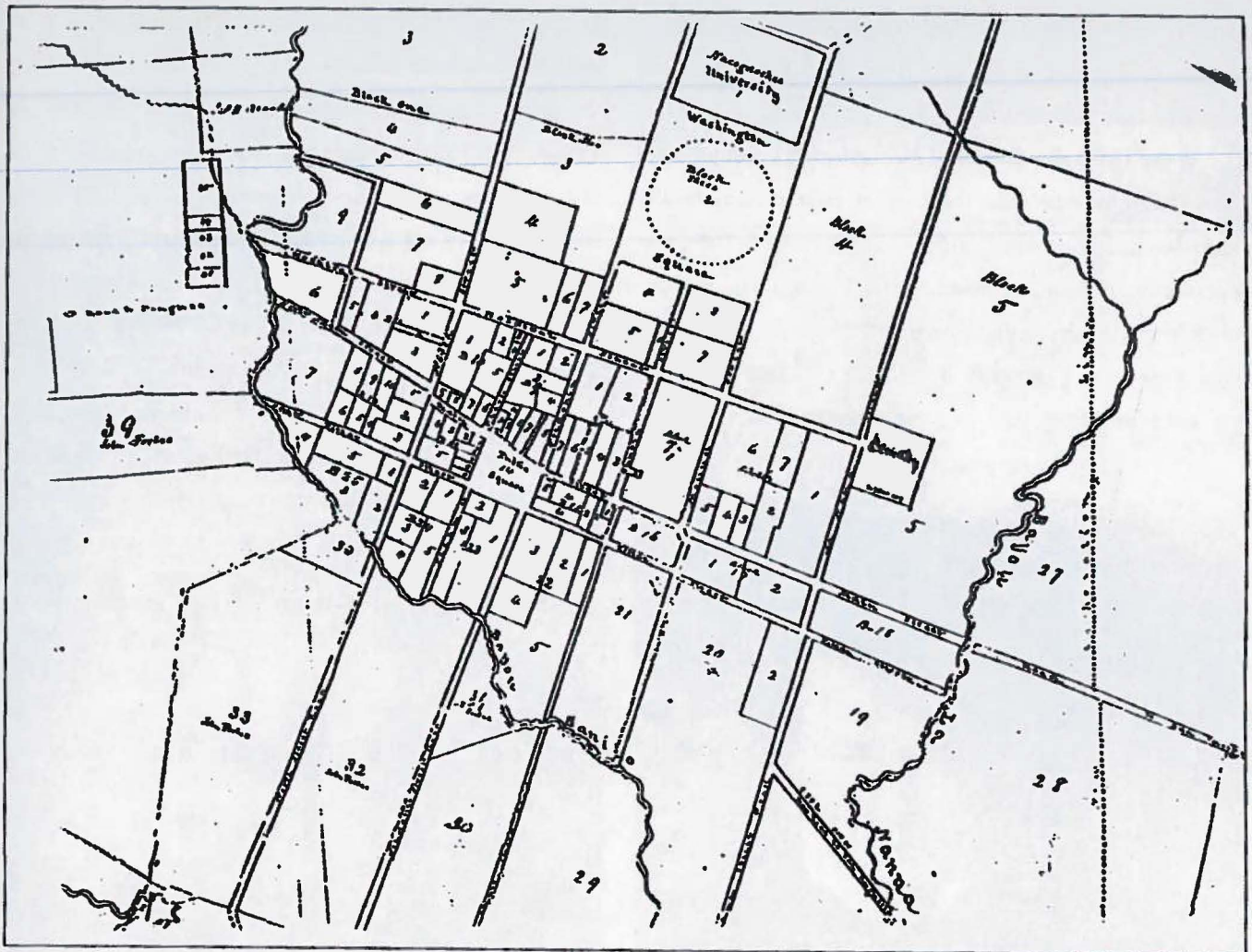
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FIGURES

Figure 1: Nacogdoches city plan, ca 1846.



"Plan of the city and corporation of Nacogdoches by John Forbes, 1846." Map 44 in East Texas Research Center, SFASU.

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Figure 2: Property 66 & 67



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Figure 3: Property 34 and Property 41



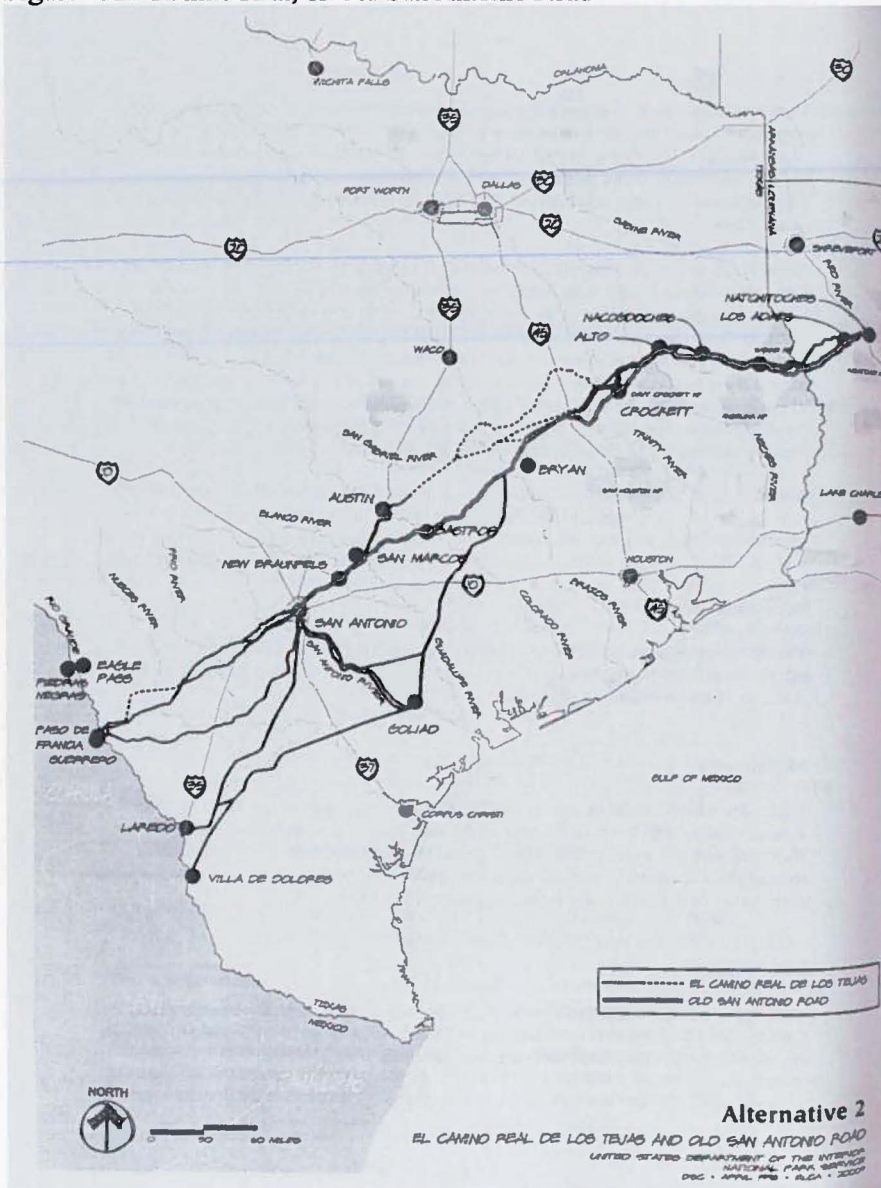
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Figure 4: El Camino Real, or Old San Antonio Road



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Figure 5: Old Stone Fort

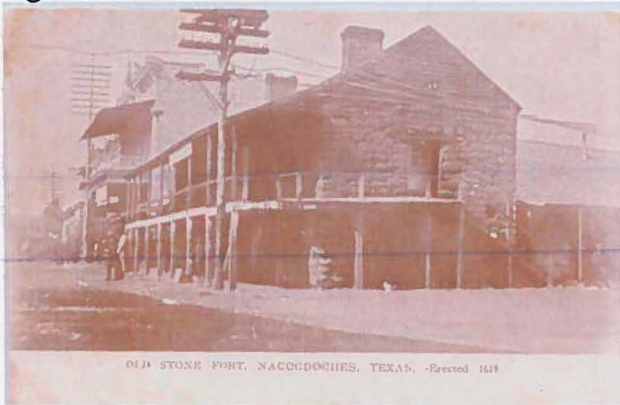


Figure 6: Old Stone Fort, reconstructed 1936



Figure 7: Louisiana Purchase



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Figure 8: Map of Nacogdoches County, ca 1857



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Figure 9: Courthouses of Nacogdoches



REMEMBER WHEN? — Nacogdoches' third courthouse is the red brick two-story structure pictured above, the one in the center with the conical-looking roof structure. This picture, the only one The Sentinel has been able to locate, was taken with a box camera by the late Claude Gramling, brother of Miss Willie Gramling, 518 E. Hospital, in 1905 or 1906. Miss Willie says she believes her brother took the picture to record some

sort of meeting or agitation rather than the building itself. Her opinion stems from the group of men gathered in front of the courthouse and the many horses, buggies, and wagons gathered in the square. The picture was taken from the north side of the square looking south. Lettering on the sign on the building to the left of the courthouse reads, "Jno. H. Cox, General Merchandise."



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Figure 10: early Nacogdoches, ca 1880

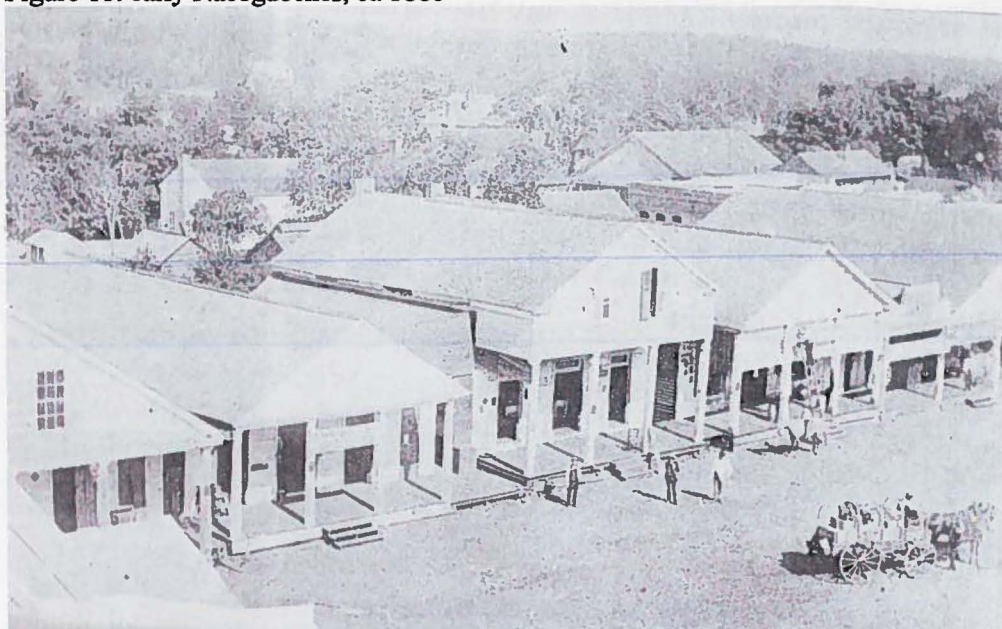
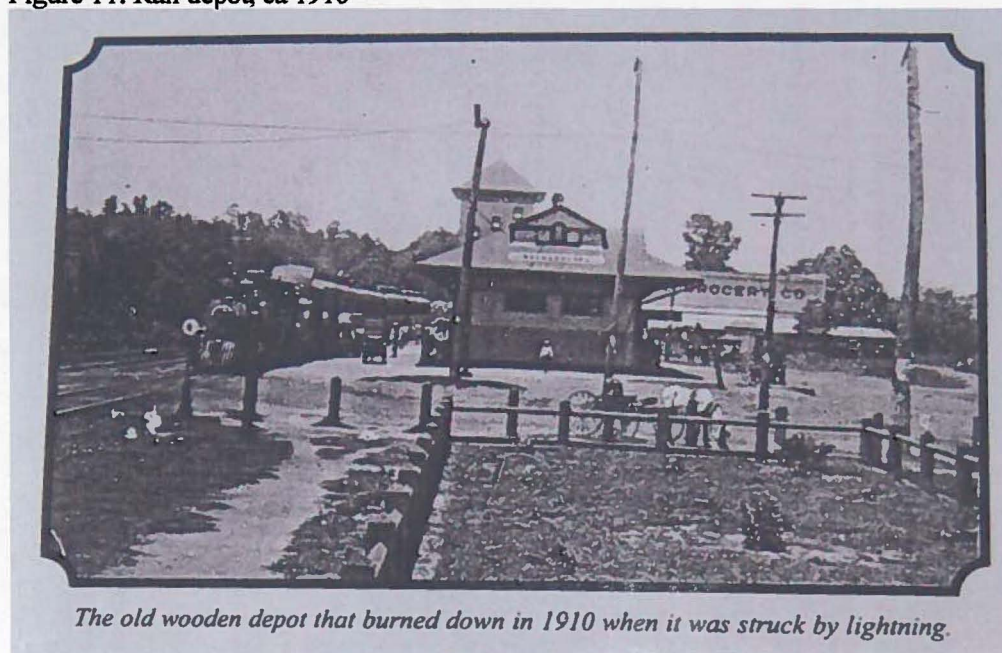


Figure 11: Rail depot, ca 1910



The old wooden depot that burned down in 1910 when it was struck by lightning.

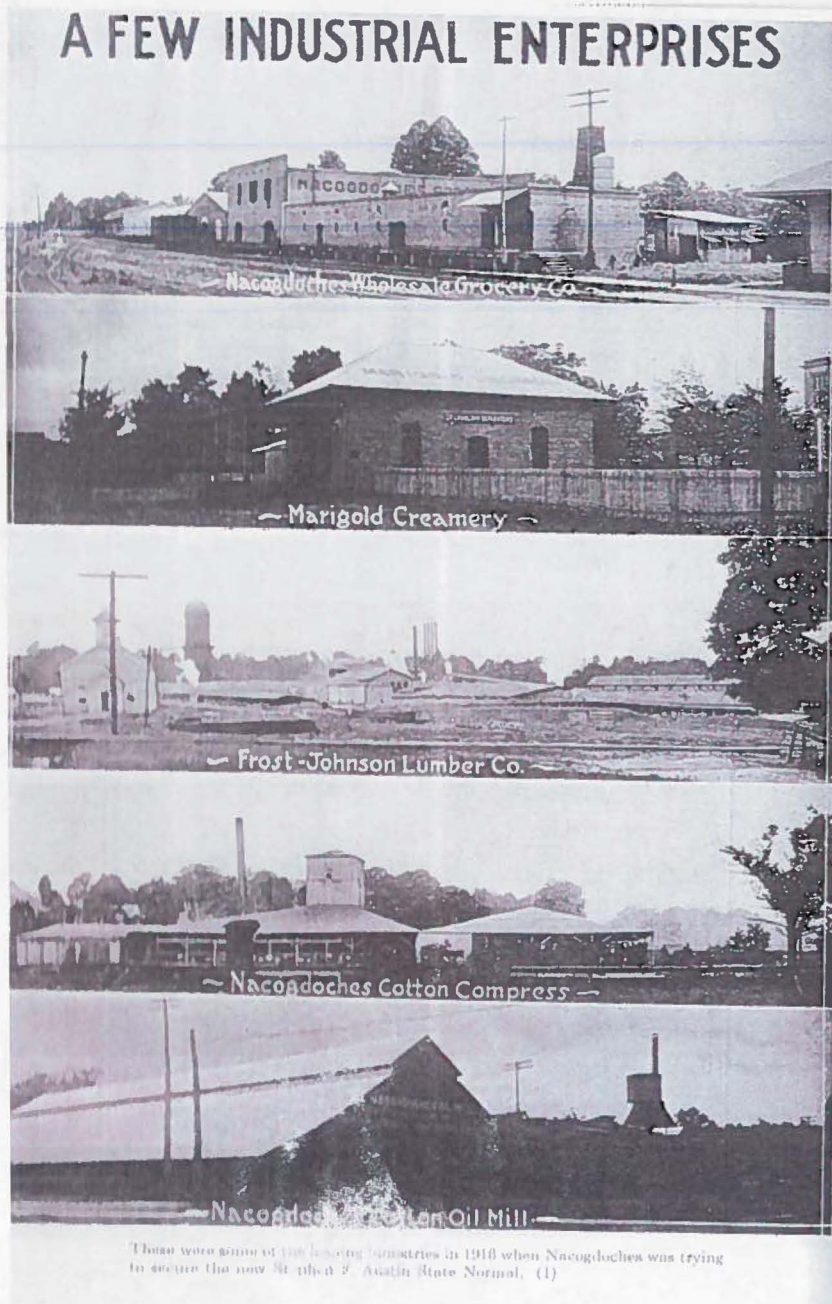
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Figure 12: Industrial Buildings



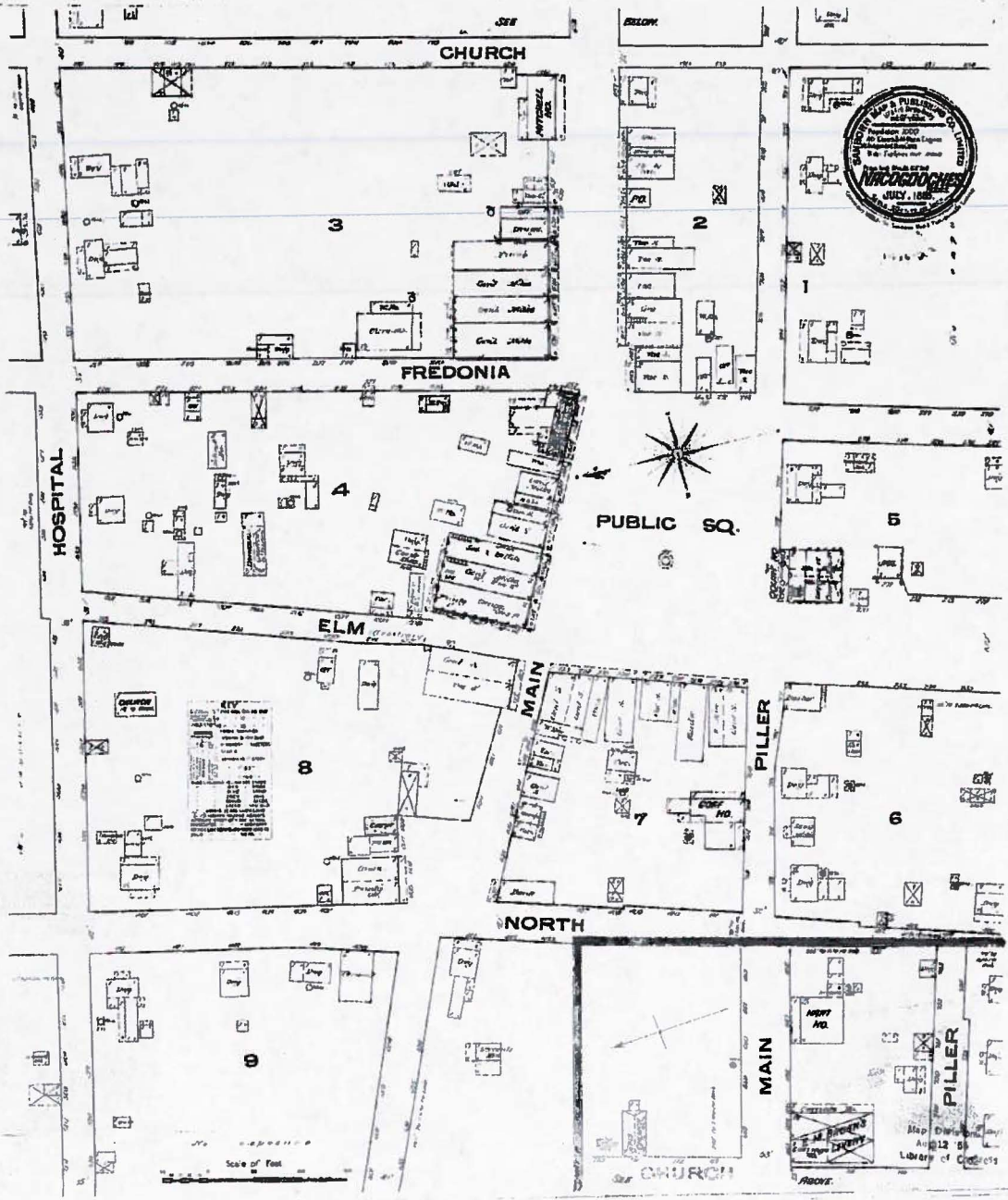
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Figure 13: Sanborn Map, 1885



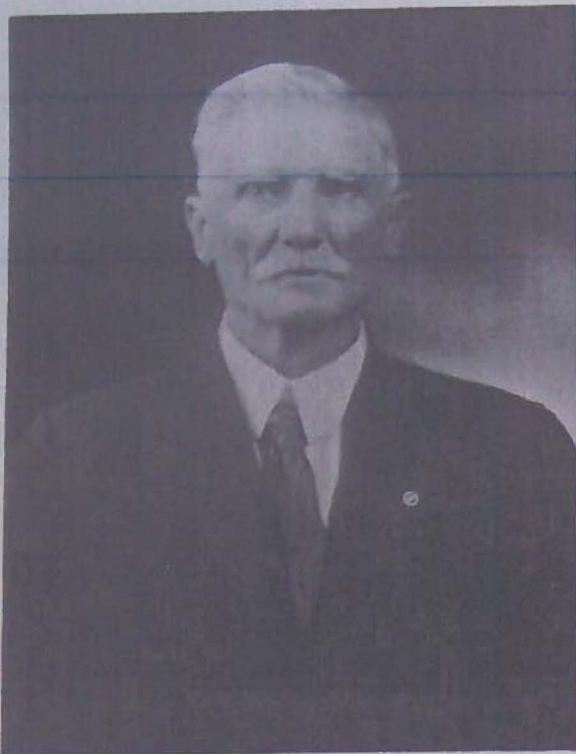
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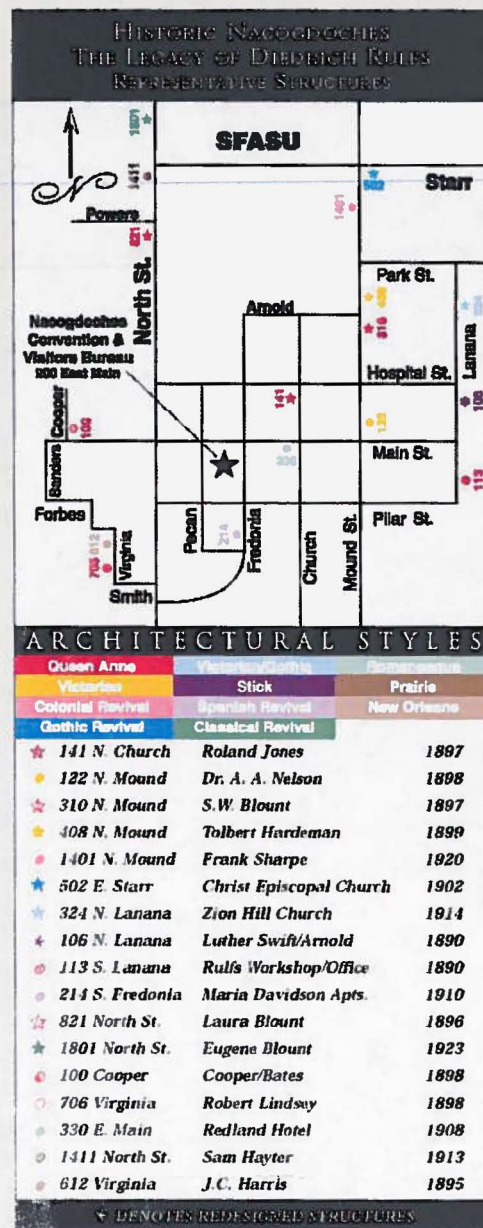
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Figure 14: Rulfs and Representative Buildings



Diedrich Rulfs



CHURCH

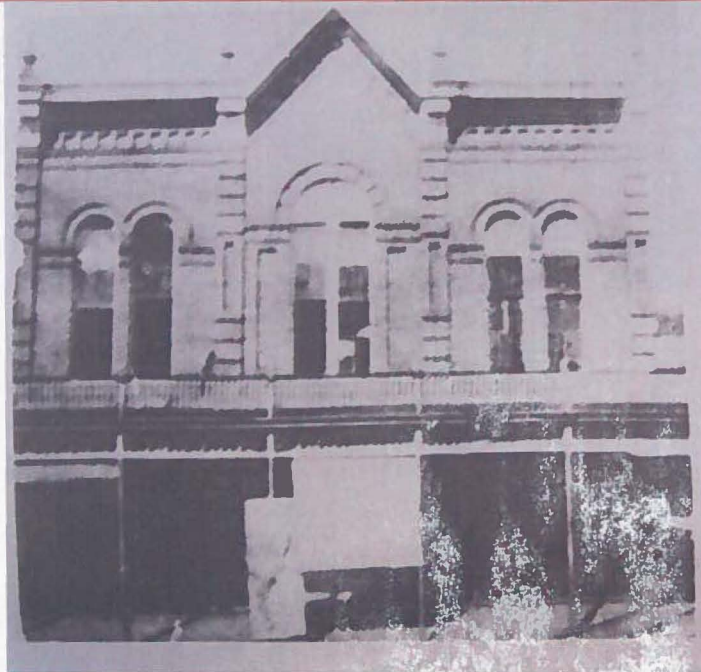
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Figure 15: Rulfs, Opera House (current and historic)



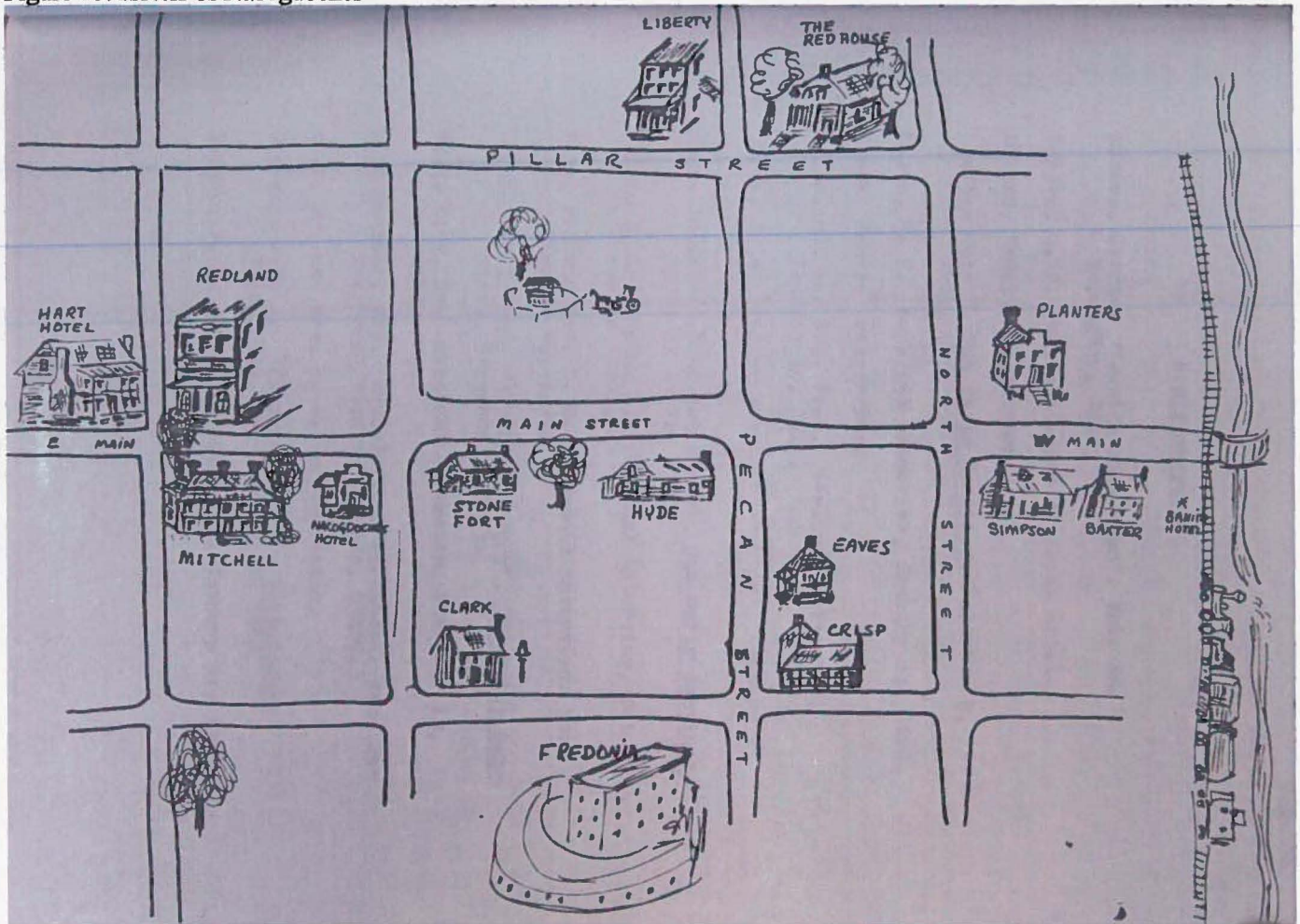
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Figure 16: Hotels of Nacogdoches



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Figure 17: Cotton Exchange



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Figure 18: Hanging in the Square



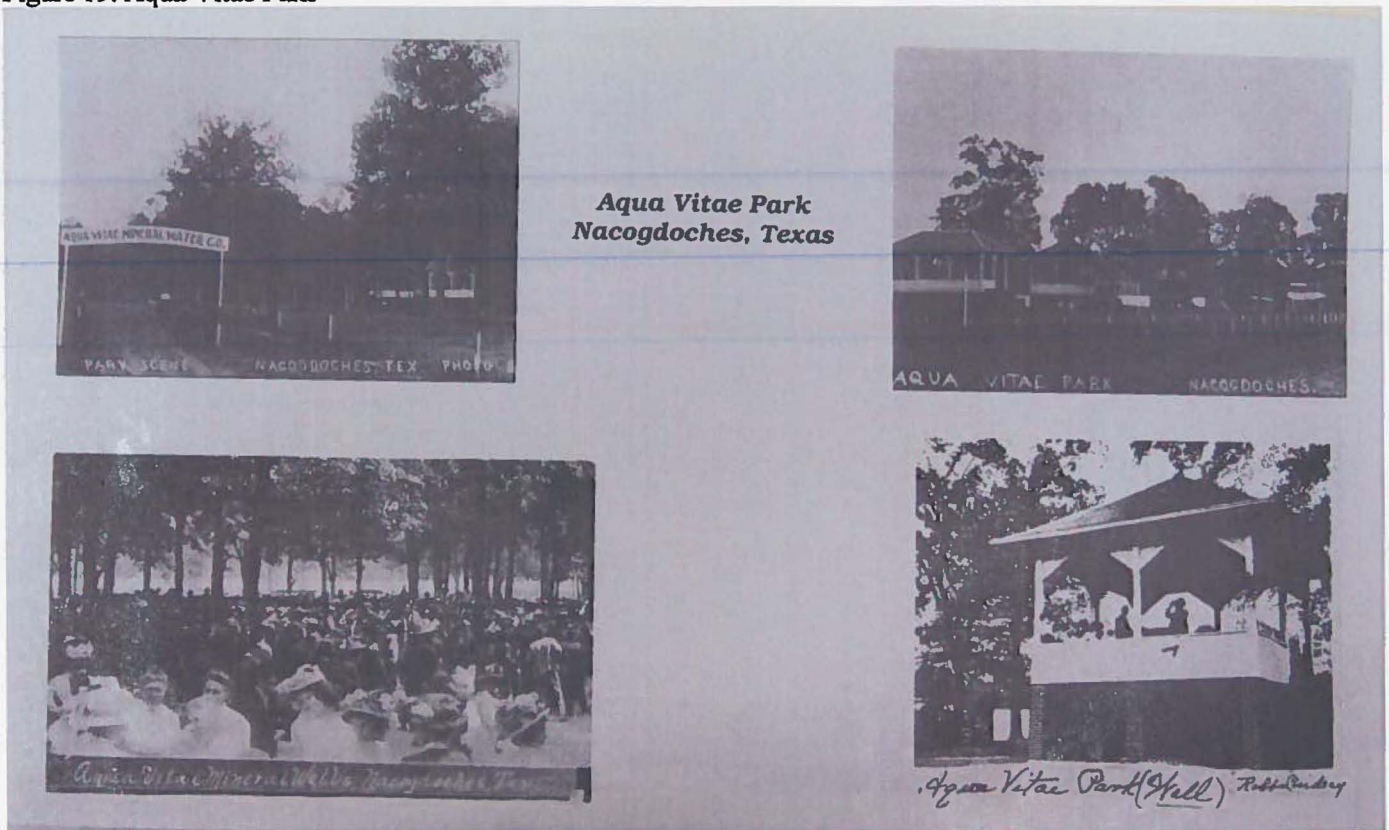
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Figure 19: Aqua Vitae Park



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Figure 20: Taking up blocks and paving the square



Figure 21: NIBCO



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Figure 22: Nacogdoches County Courthouse

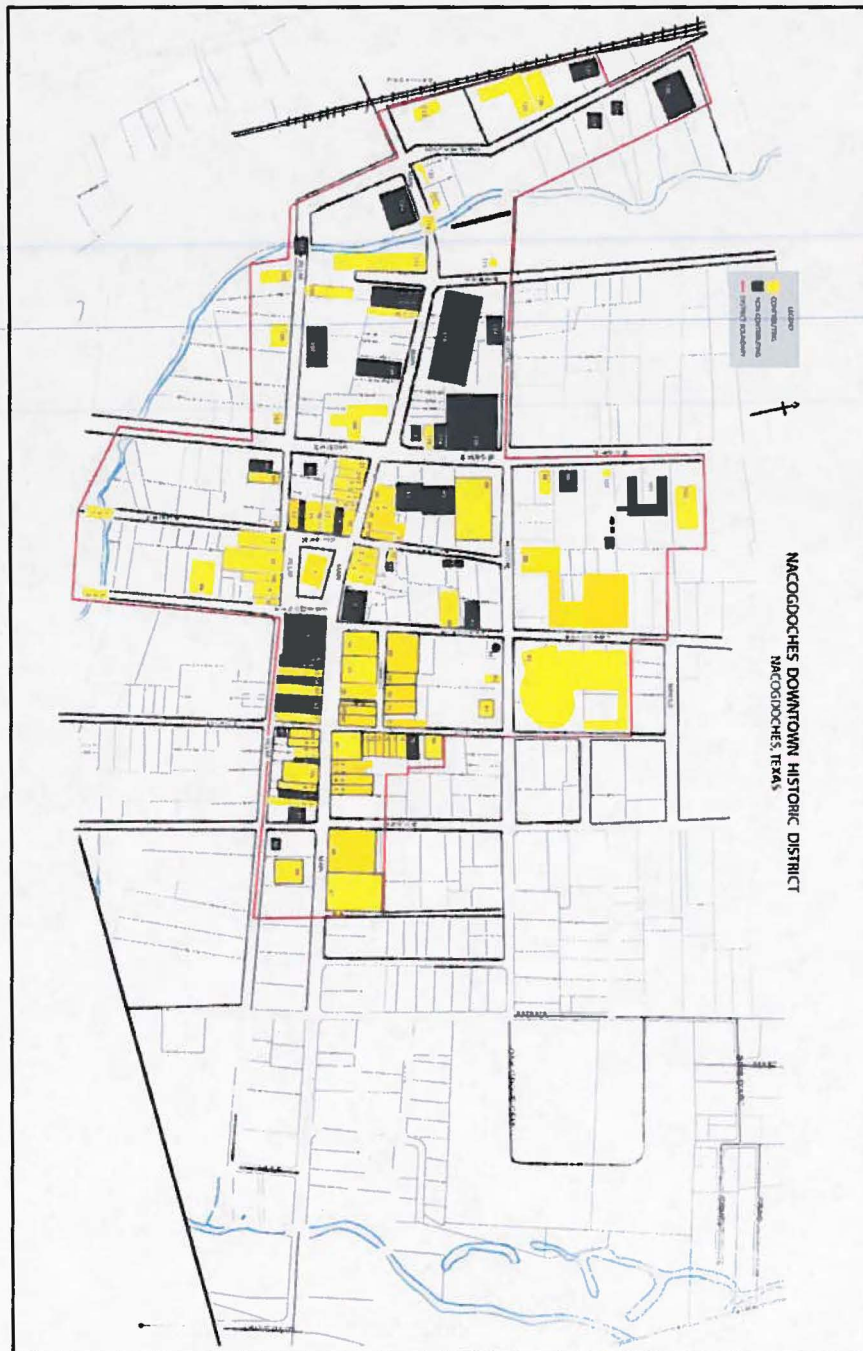


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PHOTO LOG: Nacogdoches Downtown Historic District
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April and November 2006

Former United States Post Office and Federal Building

200 E. Main
Property #1
Facing SE
National Register (1992)
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Roberts Building

216 E. Pilar
Property #8
Facing SW
National Register (1992)
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Ingraham Building

210 E. Pilar Street
Property #10
Facing S
Registered Texas Historic Landmark (1998); Nacogdoches Historic Landmark
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Cox Building / Tausig Tobacco Company

West side, North Pecan Street
Property #31
Facing SW
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Cox Building / Tausig Tobacco Company

West side, North Pecan Street
Property #31
Facing W
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Mahdson (Blount-Baker) / Wyatt Building

204 E. Pilar Street
Property #11
Facing SE
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Maria Davidson Apartments

214 S. Fredonia
Property #96
Facing W
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Maria Davidson Apartments

214 S. Fredonia
Property #96
Facing N
Photo #8 of 22

Old Mize Factory

412 North Street
Property #102
Facing NE
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Hotel Fredonia

200 N. Fredonia
Property #83
Facing NE
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Hotel Fredonia

200 N. Fredonia
Property #83
Facing N
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Banita Creek Bridge

Pecan Street and Banita Creek
Property #131
Facing SW
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Banita Creek Bridge

Pecan Street and Banita Creek
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Hoya Building
112 South Pecan Street
Property #13
Facing NW
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House of Traditions
312 E. Main
Property #66 and Property #67
Facing S
Photo #15 of 22

Commercial National Bank
215 E. Main Street
Property #6
Facing NE
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Main Theater
517 E. Main Street
Property #47
Facing NE
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Main Street, 300 Block
Facing E
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Main Street, 300 Block
Facing NE
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Main Street, 200 Block
Facing NW
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Main Street, 100 Block
Facing NW
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North Church Street, 100 Block
Facing N
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